

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 26, 27, and 34-42 are allowed.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-25, and 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, but has indicated that Claims 3, 6-14, 24, and 28-33 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, second paragraph, rejection. Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments, including its amendment to Independent Claim 1, overcome all of the Examiner's basis for his § 112, second paragraph, rejection. Applicant has noted the Examiner's comments concerning allowed apparatus Claim 26 and has amended Claim 1 accordingly. Consequently, Claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-25, including those of Claims 2-25 amended to conform with amended Claim 1, are also believed to be allowable by virtue of Claim 1 being allowable.

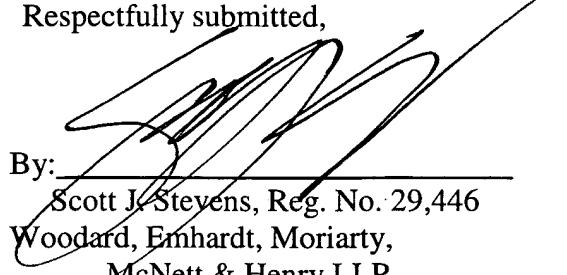
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of this application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration with a passage of this application to allowance is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any questions about this submission or other matters that may be addressed by telephone.

It is believed that no fees are due by virtue of this amendment; however, if any fees are determined to be due, please charge such fees, but not to include the payment of issue

fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-3030. A separate Request for Extension of Time accompanies this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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